

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who will travel to Washington, D.C. on October 15, 2025, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who will travel here on October 15, 2025, answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Chris Argianas, Richard L. Askam, Andrew Baldacci, John Barszcz, Ronald Barwegen, Dennis R. Beach, James F. Bennett, Jr., Peter Biancalana, Donald Blair, William M. Blair, Mose H. Bonds, James E. Bowen, Lawrence J. Bruce, Garrick Bukowski, Daniel E. Burruss, Harold V. Campbell, Dennis P. Claxton, John P. Clyde, Gary M. Collins, Richard J. Connell, Charles A. Coppess, Ronald R. Cunz, George R. Cwik, Steven D. Davis, Michael A. DeSmedt, David Dima, John R. Dolan, Terence J. Dolan, Michael D. Dorr, Patrick V. Duffy, Timothy J.H. Dummer, Daniel J. Fontanetta, Thomas Frankiewicz, Mark L. Fumagalli, Kenneth Furto, Robert Garcia, Frank Gawel, Alfred W. Geiersbach, William Geigner, John S. Gritsuk, Walter R. Guest, Myron Gulych, Ellery P. Gunther, Jr., Thomas A. Haggerty, Martin E. Hall, Jr., Michael P. Harrington, John Herrera, Paul R. Herrold, Gilbert R. High, Lawrence A. Hodek, Terrance L. Holz, James E. Johnson, Jr., Ronald E. Kalembe, Marton Kander, Stanley L. Kasprzak, Robert Kechnast, Edward Klama, Andrew F. Knauf, Jr., Kenneth Kroll, John P. Lahey, Daniel Lardi, Charles A. Larson, Peter L. Larson, Robert F. LeClercq, Mark Liset, John W. Long, Steven A. Lumbert, Thomas Malesky, William Malesky, Robert J. Marcinek, Gary C. Middleton, Glen Missaggia, Peter H. Monday, John F. Morgan, Rickey Morris, Frank D. Mossman, Harry F. Murphy, Gary E. Nelson, Donald E. Nordyke, Glen D. Norquist, Robert B. Novak, Martin J. O'Brien, Jr., Stephen N. Olejniczak, Gerald Paris, Arthur W. Parsons, Jr., Gloria Patterson, Maurice Patterson, Robert J. Payne, Sidney R. Peterson, Peter Rampe, Andrew C. Reitz, Gary

Roberson, Danny J. Rudy, James C. Russell, John W. Sass, Richard H. Schultz, Martin H. Sloan, Timothy Sorensen, Larry W. Steele, Johnny L. Stewart, William F. Stewart, Donald L. Stoops, Lawrence P. Studer, John C. Swiderski, Donald F. Tilton, Anthony Trekas, Frank C. Trout, John D. Varble, Pedro B. Velez, Thomas T. Wefler, Warren W. Wigenhauser, Richard J. Wittkofski, and Sharon Zajac.

CONGRATULATING HAWAII TEACH FOR AMERICA TEACHERS

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say aloha and congratulations to the newest cohort of Teach For America (TFA) Hawaii.

TFA, a critical national nonprofit partner since 1989 in our effort to eliminate educational inequality, continues its mission to "enlist, develop, and mobilize as many as possible of our Nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for educational excellence." By recruiting and training college graduates to teach in high-need schools for at least two years, it aims to expand educational opportunities for all.

This school year, TFA Hawaii marks its 20th year of service to the State of Hawaii by welcoming 103 corps members to classrooms across our islands. In total, the TFA network in Hawaii now has 631 corps members and alumni, collectively improving the lives of over 18,000 students.

I especially commend the program's focus on locally-rooted leadership. TFA Hawaii has recruited 259 corps members and alumni who are kama'āina, born and raised in our islands, including 89 Kānaka Maoli. They embody the sense of kuleana and community responsibility necessary to provide critical education support for our keiki.

The impacts of our TFA Hawaii kumu—or teachers—have lasted far beyond their initial commitment, with over 500 alumni remaining in education across Hawaii, 15 of them now serving as school leaders.

Their mission reminds us of the 'ōlelo no'eau "hāhai no ka ua i ka ululā'au": the rain follows the forest. By intentionally investing in this forest of local talent, we ensure a bright future for all our students.

I offer my mahalo to the new corps members and alumni for their continued service.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF PEACOCK'S SIGNS & DESIGN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the re-

markable achievements of Peacock's Signs & Designs, a venerable black-owned business located in Grenada, Mississippi, that has been a pillar of the community for nearly five decades.

Founded in 1976 by Walter Peacock, this family-owned enterprise began humbly as a side endeavor creating personalized license plates. Mr. Peacock, a talented artist and dedicated entrepreneur, transformed his passion and skill into one of Grenada County's oldest and most successful businesses.

Through decades of unwavering hard work and commitment, Peacock's Signs & Designs has grown from a small local operation into a respected company serving hometown restaurants, boutiques, shopping plazas, and even national restaurant and retail chains. Mr. Peacock's dedication to quality and service has earned the business a reputation for excellence, not only in Grenada but also in surrounding communities and smaller towns that lack local sign companies.

Today, the legacy of Peacock's Signs continues with the involvement of Walter Peacock's two sons, Walter "Winston" Peacock, Jr. and Fred "Wesley" Peacock. Together, they carry forward their father's vision, expanding the company's reach while maintaining the high standards set by their father nearly 50 years ago.

This multigenerational commitment is a testament to the strength of family, the power of entrepreneurship, and the impact of black-owned businesses on local economies and communities. It is through such steadfast dedication that small businesses like Peacock's Signs & Designs contribute profoundly to the cultural and economic fabric of our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the enduring success of Peacock's Signs & Designs and its inspiring founder, Walter Peacock, whose journey exemplifies the American spirit of perseverance, innovation, and family unity.

HONORING CALTHA SEYMOUR AS A 2025 SHE LEADS AMERICA CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Caltha Seymour as a 2025 She Leads America Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

Caltha Seymour is Director of Mission Critical Power Solutions in Eaton's electrical sector, where she leads global federal sales and strategic growth initiatives for one of the

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world's most trusted power management companies. Based in Washington, D.C., she directs a team responsible for government contracting, commercial sales, marketing, customer success, and strategic partnerships, ensuring reliable power solutions in mission-critical environments.

Originally from Canada, Caltha has been with Eaton for nearly a decade, serving in many leadership roles spanning new product development, product marketing, and channel management. She is a graduate of Eaton's Global Leadership Development Program and previously oversaw \$262 million in distribution partner sales as the company's first National Channel Manager for Industrial Controls.

Her leadership extends far beyond business into nonprofit, cultural, and faith-based service. As co-founder and chair of Heaven to the Yeah, she empowers women in sports, championing the women's decathlon for the 2032 Olympics in Brisbane while sponsoring athletes internationally. She is a board member of Global Hope, serving vulnerable populations in Iraq and the Middle East by developing sustainable solutions for women and children. She also serves as corporate chair for Influence Women, chairs the Salvation Army Western Territory Advisory Board, contributes to Women Business Collaborative's in the Arena initiative, and advises the Cleveland Orchestra.

Guided by her deep faith in Jesus Christ, Caltha sees her work as a calling to serve with integrity, compassion, and excellence. A member of She Leads America, she is being honored in 2025 as a Christian Woman of Distinction, exemplifying faith in action across every sphere of influence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

**CONGRATULATING BILL ZORTMAN
ON HIS 5000TH RADIO SHOW**

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bill Zortman on the remarkable milestone of hosting his 5000th radio show. As a longtime voice behind "It's Your Business," Bill has amplified leading voices to guide South Dakota listeners with practical wisdom and sound judgement.

Bill's distinguished career in radio and television broadcasting spans more than forty years, including over fifteen years here in South Dakota. Beyond the microphone, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and community leadership.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Bill took a break from journalism and served as the Executive Director for the Red Cross of South Dakota and Nebraska. He has also contributed to many causes close to home, serving as President of Realtors for Kids, organizing the Professional Real Estate Associates Military Thank You Picnic, and earning recognition from his peers as Real Estate Spirit of the Year in 2008 and the Professional Real Estate Associates Spirit Award in 2012.

Bill has become more than just a broadcaster; he's a trusted voice for business, agriculture, and civic life in our state. Through "It's Your Business" and "It's Your Business to Know," Bill has built a trusted forum for businesses, public leaders, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Bill Zortman on his 5000th broadcast and in recognizing his decades of dedication to his profession and community. South Dakota is fortunate to call him one of our own.

**HONORING SAMRUDDHA
PREUITT'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

HON. MAXINE DEXTER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young leader from Oregon's 3rd Congressional District, Samruddha Preuitt, a graduate of David Douglas High School in Portland. Samruddha was recently named a 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar—one of just 161 students nationwide to earn this prestigious honor.

Since 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has celebrated the academic excellence, leadership, and dedication of our Nation's most distinguished high school seniors. This honor is reserved for students who not only achieve top scores on college entrance exams but also demonstrate outstanding scholarship, character, and service.

Samruddha embodies all of these qualities. He now studies data science and engineering at the University of Connecticut, drawn by its strong commitment to undergraduate research. As someone who engaged in undergraduate research myself, I know how transformative those experiences can be—and how they help prepare the next generation of leaders in science, technology, and public service.

This achievement reflects not only Samruddha's individual brilliance and perseverance, but also the strength of our public schools, our educators, and a community that values opportunity and hard work.

I congratulate him on this remarkable achievement, and I wish him continued success as he pursues his academic and professional journey.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME
RULE ACT**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Government Accountability Office District of Columbia Home Rule Act. This bill would repeal the authority of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) over the District of Columbia.

GAO, a federal agency that conducts investigations and audits for Congress, has the same authority over D.C. that it has over fed-

eral agencies. GAO's authorizing statute defines D.C. as a federal agency. In addition, GAO's authorizing statute and the D.C. Home Rule Act require GAO to engage in specific types of oversight of D.C.

D.C. is not a federal agency, and it should never be treated as such. D.C. already has a locally appointed auditor and inspector general, so GAO's authority over D.C. is both redundant and offensive. GAO does not have general authority over states and cities, and therefore it should not have such authority over D.C.

This bill is an important step to increase home rule for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**CELEBRATING IDA NEWBILL'S
111TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the oldest living residents of Arkansas, my constituent, Mrs. Ida Newbill, on her 111th birthday.

Born on October 14, 1914, Mrs. Newbill has lived through more than a century of extraordinary progress, bearing witness to generations of history with grace, wisdom, and faith. She was raised attending Sunday school, and continues to build her life upon strong values, which have served as guiding principles for her family and community.

Together with her late husband, Mr. Joseph Newbill, Mrs. Newbill raised six children, four of whom are still living: daughter Alberta Glass (age of 94), daughter Willie Mae Terry (age of 91), daughter Augustine Terry (age of 90), and daughter Ida Henderson (age of 88). Mrs. Newbill is a proud matriarch of a United States Army family, with her son, grandson, and great-grandson having honorably served our Nation.

She also has a profound love for locomotives. Each year, a special locomotive visit by the North Louisiana and Arkansas Railroad to Arch Street in Eudora, Arkansas, near her home, has become a cherished tradition to celebrate her birthday. Today is no different, Danny Robbins will drive the train to her hometown and host a birthday celebration for "Mamma Ida," as she is often referred to throughout the community.

May her life continue to remind us all that faith, family, and perseverance are the foundations of a happy life. It is with great admiration that I wish Mrs. Newbill a very happy birthday and honor her contributions to the 1st Congressional District of Arkansas, and I extend my sincerest wishes for continued joy, peace, and health in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF SALEM HELLER'S EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the congregation of Salem Heller's Evangelical Reformed Church for their 300th anniversary.

Over the past year, the congregation of Salem Heller's Evangelical Reformed Church has commemorated three centuries of faith and service. The church's humble beginnings date back to a time before the founding of both Lancaster County and the United States. Today, Salem Heller's stands as a testament to the strength and perseverance of a faith-based community that has flourished for generations.

Salem Hellers was founded in 1725 by Palatine German immigrants to the Conestoga Valley and claims to be one of the oldest Reformed congregations in Lancaster County. Initially, parishioners gathered for worship in homes and barns before constructing a log cabin that served as their first permanent site of worship, a structure that stood until 1860.

Throughout its history, the congregation of Salem Heller's has been home to true patriots and community leaders. At least 144 of its members have served our Nation in conflicts dating back to the American Revolution. One of the church's first ministers, John Philip Boehm, is recognized by many as the founder of the German Reformed Church in the United States. Today, the cemetery at Salem Heller's is the final resting place of more than 2,700 individuals, each one a contributor to the thriving and faithful community that continues to embody the spirit of Lancaster County.

As the congregation concludes this year of celebration, it is fitting to honor its storied past and its promising future. For 300 years, Salem Heller's Evangelical Reformed Church has served as a bastion of faith and community for the people of Lancaster County. As generations continue to worship in this historic church, I know the congregation will continue

to serve its mission to both the community and its faith.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the congregation of Salem Heller's Evangelical Reformed Church and wish them continued blessings as they celebrate their 300th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING DR. LYNN KOWALSKI AND DR. STEPHANIE WISHNEV FOR COMPLETING THE TRANSAMERICA ROUTE

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary women, Dr. Lynn Kowalski and Dr. Stephanie Wishnev, for completing one of the Trans-America routes. It is one of the most challenging cycling endeavors in the world, spanning from Astoria, Oregon to Yorktown, Virginia.

As an avid cyclist myself, I know the grit and determination it takes to complete even a single long-distance ride. What these two women accomplished is nothing short of remarkable. Over the course of five years, they rode coast-to-coast, fully self-supported, conquering steep mountain climbs, unpredictable weather, and thousands of miles of open road.

Their journey not only tested their endurance but also embodied the very spirit of perseverance and adventure that defines our Nation. I commend Dr. Kowalski and Dr. Wishnev for their incredible achievement and for inspiring all of us who strive to push past limits and see what lies on the other side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their achievement.

CELEBRATING DIANA NYAD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I, along with Rep. MOSKOWITZ, rise to recognize the tremendous achievements of Diana Nyad.

Diana Nyad was born in New York City on August 22, 1949, and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She is a legendary endurance swimmer, author, inspirational speaker and sports journalist. She attended Pine Crest School in Ft. Lauderdale and later graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Lake Forest College.

Ms. Nyad gained fame by setting a new speed record for both men and women when she circled Manhattan Island in 1975 in 7 hours and 57 minutes. She was the first person to swim North to South across Lake Ontario in 1974, and was the world champion on the marathon circuit that year. Her first attempt to swim from Havana, Cuba to Key West, Florida was in 1978 and 35 years later, at the age of 64, Diana became the first to ever swim from Cuba to Florida without the aid of a shark cage—110.86 miles, 52 hours and 54 minutes.

Ms. Nyad was inducted into the United States National Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1986. She is also an International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree and an ISHOF Al Schoenfeld Media Award recipient. In addition to her illustrious career as an athlete, Ms. Nyad founded the national walking initiative EverWalk and wrote and starred in the off-Broadway play, *The Swimmer*.

In 2014, the City of Key West honored Ms. Nyad with an historic bronze plaque installed at Smathers Beach where she walked ashore at the end of her Cuba crossing. On November 6, 2025, a State of Florida Historic Marker tribute to Diana's inspirational life will be unveiled and eventually be on permanent display at Las Olas Beach in Ft. Lauderdale.

It is with great enthusiasm that I congratulate Ms. Nyad on her accomplishments and ask Floridians to join me in thanking her for contributing to our state's rich cultural history.